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Memorandum

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cc: Sara Moore (Port of Portland), Stu Brown (Bridgewater Group), David Ashton (Port of Portland)

DATE: February 13, 2008

SUBJECT: Outfalls, Swan Island Upland Facility – Operable Unit 2
1115-05

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the findings of research and site reconnaissance conducted by the Port of Portland (Port) to assess the historical or current presence of outfalls at Operable Unit 2 (OU2) of the Swan Island Upland Facility (SIUF) in Portland, Oregon (Figures 1 and 2).

Background

Integral is in the process of conducting reconnaissance of public and private storm water outfalls in the Portland Harbor for the Lower Willamette Group (LWG). The purpose of the outfall verification effort is to confirm the presence and location of harbor-wide outfalls in order to update the City of Portland's Geographic Information System (GIS) database. The Port provided Integral with assistance during review of outfalls at OU2. This memorandum documents the scope and results of the review.

Scope of Work Performed

To evaluate the current and historical presence of outfalls from OU2, the Port conducted the following:

1. Site visit including concurrent boat and land reconnaissance;
2. Review of available site records (including maps and drawings) to assess for drainage features that may have existed historically; and
3. Flow and dye testing of the parking lot drainage system.

Results of Site Reconnaissance

On October 3, 2007, the Port, Ash Creek Associates (ACA), and Integral conducted a site visit to observe outfall pipe locations. The site visit was completed with concurrent boat and land reconnaissance. The weather conditions during the visit ranged from overcast and dry to light rain. Several storm events occurred within 24 hours prior to the site visit (Attachment A). Blackberries and other moderate to heavy vegetative cover were present on the riverbank.

Six pipes were observed in the vicinity of OU2 (Figure 3). Integral collected GPS coordinates at each location and recorded field observations (e.g., pipe construction, diameter, condition, and flow). A photograph log is included in Attachment B and the photograph locations are shown on Figure 2. The following table includes a summary of the field observations.

Integral Outfall ID	Pipe Diameter	Pipe Construction	Flowing Water?	Location	Outfall Present on Port AutoCAD Base Map?	Photograph Number
WR-158	18-inch	CMP	No	Under OU1 pier structure.	No	1
WR-399	18-inch	CMP	Yes	Adjacent to Vigor Parking Lot	Yes	2
CG-26	18-inch	CMP	No	Adjacent to Vigor Parking Lot	No	3
CG-27	18-inch	CMP	No	South of Vigor Parking Lot	No	4
WR-159a	18-inch	SMP	No	Near Center of OU2	No	5
WR-163	12-inch	CMP	Yes	OU2 Southern Boundary	Yes	n/a

Notes:

CMP = Corrugated metal pipe.

SMP = Straight metal pipe.

n/a = Not available.

Water was observed flowing from outfalls WR-399 and WR-163. This is consistent with our expectations based on the recent storm events and the apparent connections to upland storm water system components. No flow was observed from the other four pipe locations (described by Integral as abandoned). Outfall WR-158 is located north of OU2 on Operable Unit 1 (OU1). Outfall WR-163 is located southeast of OU2; it is connected to one catch basin located on the east end of OU2 and one or more catch basins located on the adjacent Freightliner parking lot.

Results of Site Records Review

A review of the historical reference materials the Port has compiled for OU2 was conducted to determine if documentation exists that would provide information on either the historical or current presence of outfalls at OU2. Details of this review are included below.

Current Storm System Plan. The Port's current base map shows a storm water conveyance system draining the parking lot and indicates that three outfalls are present. Two of these outfalls (WR-399 and WR-163) were identified in the field and had observed flow (i.e., active). The base map indicated the presence of a third outfall traversing OU2 with possible connections to N. Channel Avenue. However, neither the outfall nor any manholes along the inferred location of the line were observed in the field.

2006 Storm Water Pipe Abandonment. Three storm water pipes (WR-159, -160, and -164; Figure 3) were removed in July/August 2006 as they were no longer in use (ACA, 2007). These short sections of storm water conveyance pipe were located near the riverbank and collected water that intermittently puddled in the gravel parking area. The pipes were 8- to 12-inch-diameter, straight steel and were generally bedded at depths of less than 2 feet below the ground surface (bgs).

Historical Records. ACA reviewed the following documents for references to historical outfalls in the locations at OU2:

- DRAFT Supplemental Preliminary Assessment, Swan Island Upland Facility, Portland Oregon. Prepared by ACA/NewFields and dated December 2006.
- Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan for the Portland Shipyard, Portland, Oregon. Prepared by Bridgewater Group and dated November 2, 2000.

The above reports summarize available information on historical structures, site use, and history for the Facility. The DRAFT Supplemental Preliminary Assessment referenced Kaiser-era drawings, dated 1942, showing the storm water system. Drawings from 1942, 1964, and 1977 overlaid on the current Port base map are shown on Figures C-1 through C-3, respectively (Attachment C). The original drawings used to prepare the historical overlays are also included in Attachment C. Following are observations made from the review of these drawings.

Historical Storm Sewer/Outfall – Current Parking Lot. The Port's base map shows an additional outfall traversing OU2 with possible connections to N. Channel Avenue; however, neither the outfall nor any manholes along the inferred location of the line were observed in the field.

- **1942.** The overlays of buildings and utilities were not consistent. This could be attributed to differences in design vs. as-built drawings, surveys, and other factors. A storm sewer feature which resembles the historical storm sewer/outfall from the Port base map (as described above) is present (a "Y"-shaped configuration). The "Y"-shaped storm feature was overlaid on the historical storm sewer/outfall and correlated well.
- **1964.** The "Y"-shaped storm sewer configuration is also present. The eastern portion of the "Y"-shaped feature is designated as a sanitary sewer utility although, by this period, it would have been connected to the shown sanitary sewer trunk interceptor. The trunk sewer was installed in 1954 under the original Channel Avenue.
- **1977.** The 1977 drawing presents as-built information for site features that were removed as part of the construction of the current parking lot. The overlay shows a deep manhole (20-foot) in the vicinity of the historical storm sewer/outfall that was removed. The historical storm sewer was likely removed as part of the construction activities.

WR-159a. The 1942 overlay shows a combined sanitary and storm sewer line which crossed OU2 to an outfall located in the vicinity of WR-159a, which was observed in the field.

No references to, or information on, any other historical outfalls were found in the above reports or historical drawings.

Flow and Dye Testing

Flow and dye tests were conducted in the drainage system of the parking lot located at the north end of OU2. The tests were completed to: (1) Ensure the system was functioning properly; (2) Confirm the storm system configuration; and (3) Make observations of the outfall pipes in the vicinity of OU2 (Figure 3). The results indicated that the OU2 catch basins drained to the mainline and to one outfall (City of Portland Designation WR-399; Figure 2). Cascade General/Vigor indicated that the only exception is catch basin STSCB2589. The results of the dye testing indicated that STSCB2589 does not drain to WR-399. No other information is available regarding the outfall location from STSCB2589. This catch basin is not part of the parking lot currently owned by the Port. No flow was observed from the other pipes in the vicinity of the parking lot (WR-158, CG-26, and CG-27).

Conclusions

Based on the activities reported above, six pipes were observed in the vicinity of OU2. Only two of the pipes are currently active outfalls (WR-163 and WR-399). This is consistent with the Port's current and historical understanding of the storm sewer systems present at OU2. The pipes at locations CG-26, CG-27, and WR-159a should be depicted as abandoned on the City of Portland's database and from maps depicting active outfalls along the river; it is not known what these pipes may have once drained. Background information on CG-26 and CG-27 was not identified in the historical research. WR-159a is likely a former combined sanitary and storm sewer.

Outfall WR-158 is on OU1 and is the responsibility of the current property owner (Cascade General/Vigor).

Attachments:

Figure 1 – Site Location Map

Figure 2 – Site Plan

Figure 3 – Outfall Observations

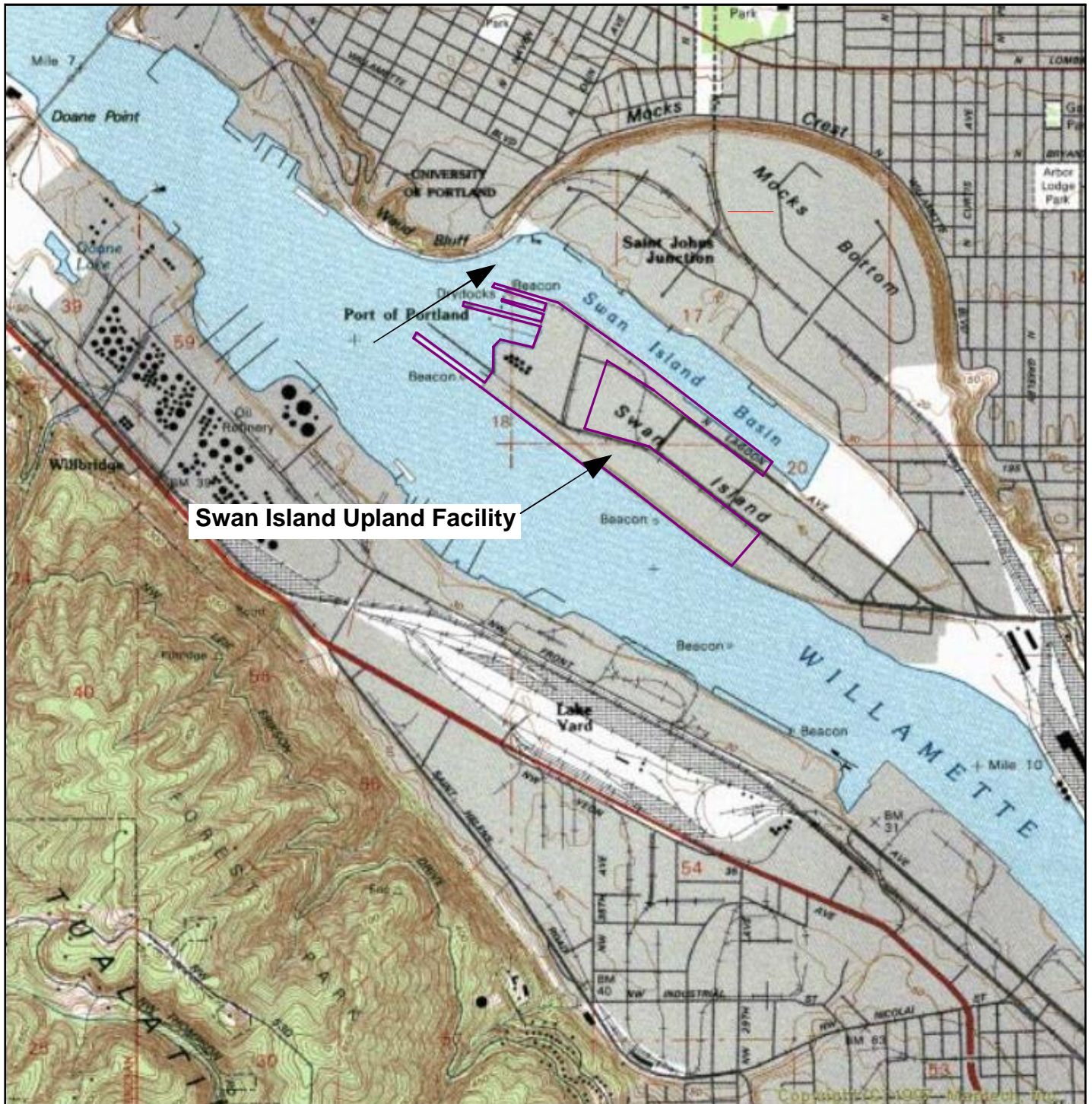
Attachment A – Supporting Information

Attachment B – Photograph Log

Attachment C – Historical Overlays

Reference:

ACA, 2007. Storm Water Piping Removal Oversight Memorandum, Swan Island Upland Facility, Portland, Oregon. Prepared by Ash Creek Associates. Dated June 22, 2007.



Base map prepared from USGS 7.5-minute quadrangles as provided by Topozone. (1990)

0 2000 4000
Scale in Feet



Site Location Map

Outfall Memo, Ou2
Swan Island Upland Facility
Portland, Oregon



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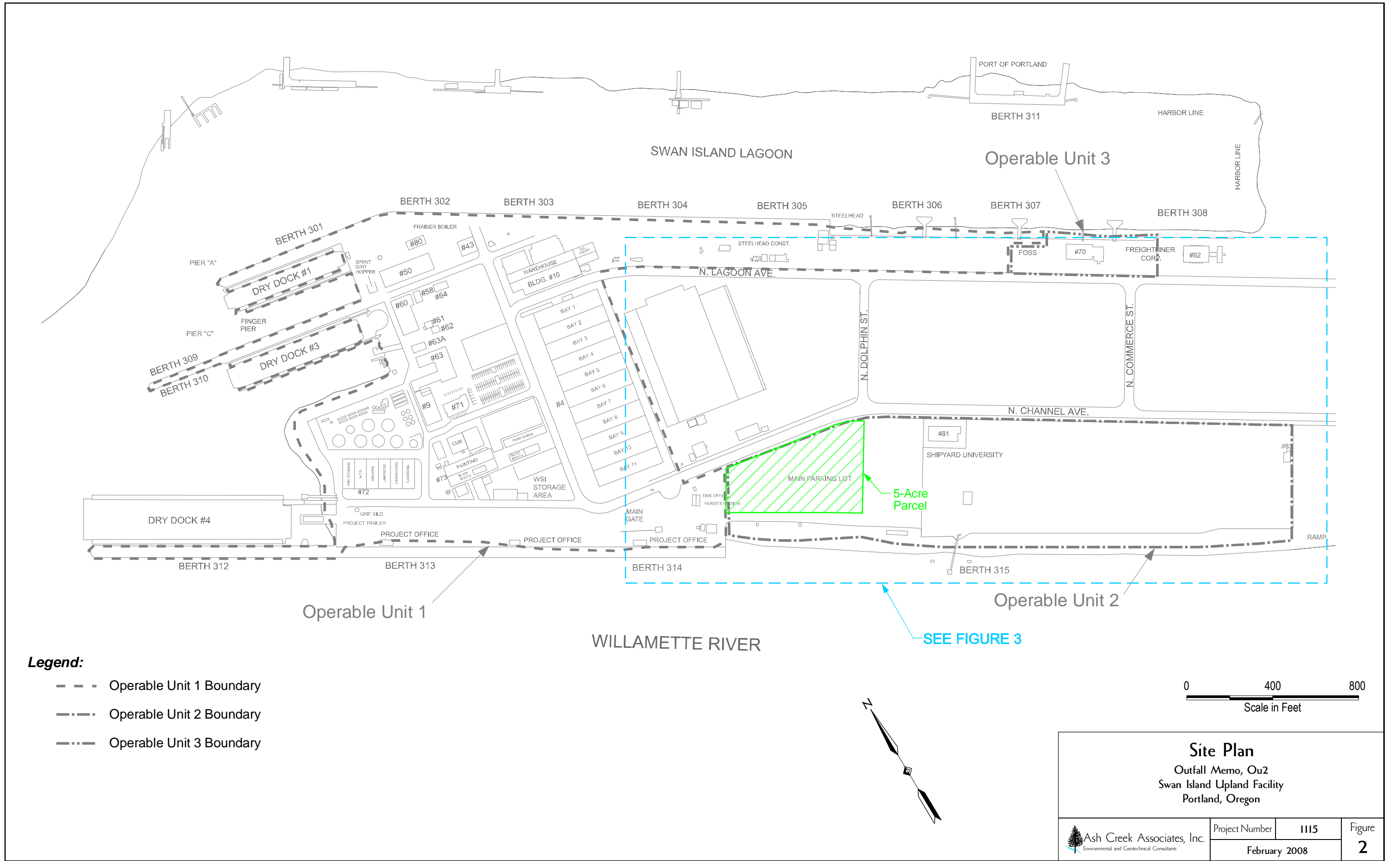
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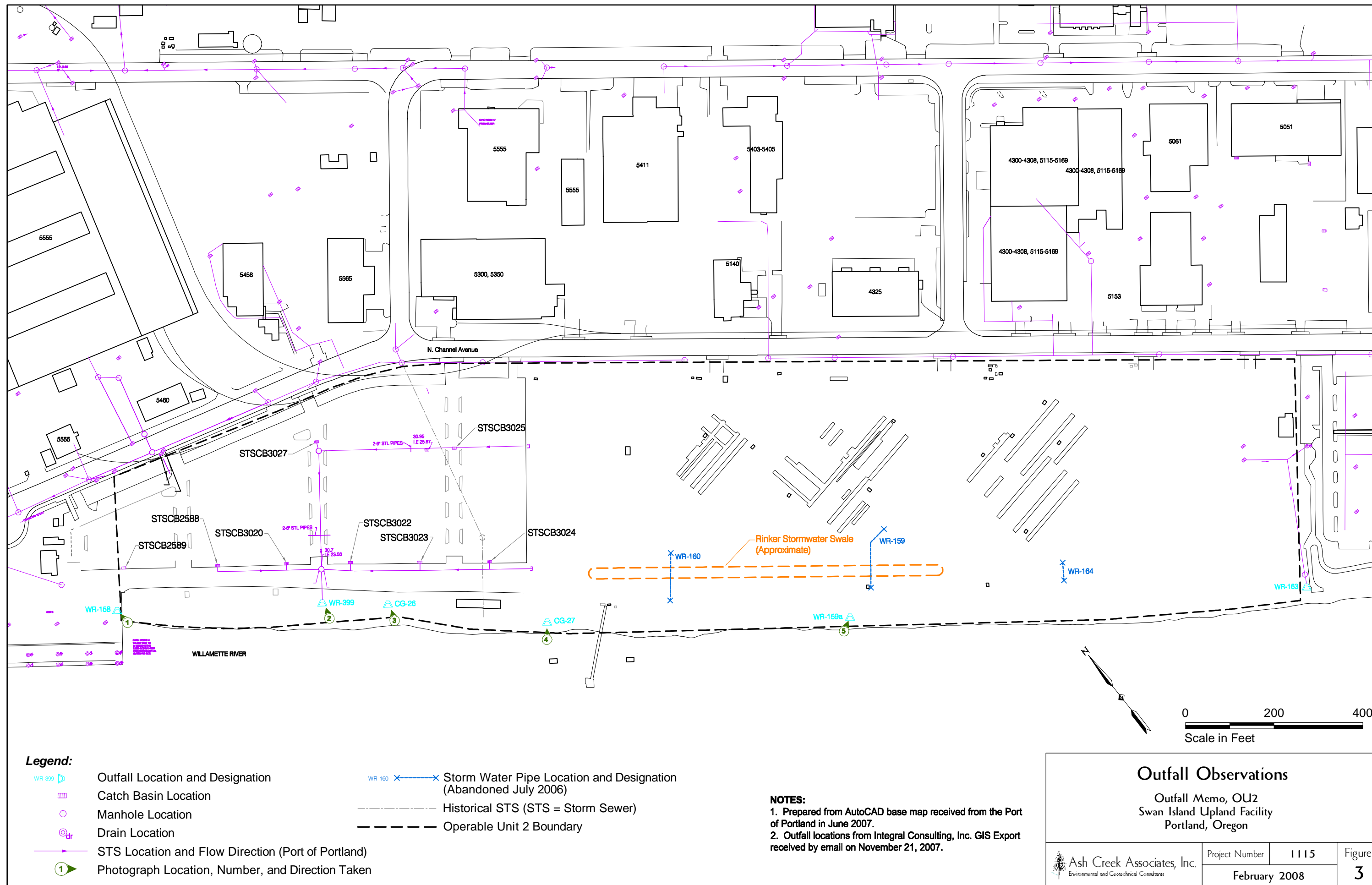
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Figure

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Attachment A

Supporting Information

RAINGAGE INFORMATION

Yeon Raingage - 3395 NW. Yeon Ave.

PROVISIONAL, UNCORRECTED RAW DATA FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND HYDRA NETWORK.

Data are the number of tips of the rain gage bucket.

Each tip is 0.01 inches of rainfall.

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Dates and times are PACIFIC STANDARD TIME.

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Attachment B

Photograph Log

ATTACHMENT B PHOTOGRAPH LOG

Project Name: Swan Island Upland Facility
Project Number: 1115-05

Client: Port of Portland
Location: Portland, Oregon

<p>Photo No: 1</p>	
<p>Photo Date: October 3, 2007</p>	
<p>Orientation: North</p>	
<p>Description: Outfall WR-158 under OU1 pier. No flow. See Figure 3 for photograph orientation.</p>	
<p>Photo No: 2</p>	
<p>Photo Date: October 3, 2007</p>	
<p>Orientation: Northeast</p>	
<p>Description: Outfall WR-399. Flowing water. See Figure 3 for photograph orientation.</p>	

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Project Name: Swan Island Upland Facility
Project Number: 1115-05


Client: Port of Portland
Location: Portland, Oregon

Photo No: 3	
Photo Date: October 3, 2007	
Orientation: Northeast	
Description: Outfall CG-26. No flow. See Figure 3 for photograph orientation.	
Photo No: 4	
Photo Date: October 3, 2007	
Orientation: Northeast	
Description: Outfall CG-27. No flow. See Figure 3 for photograph orientation.	

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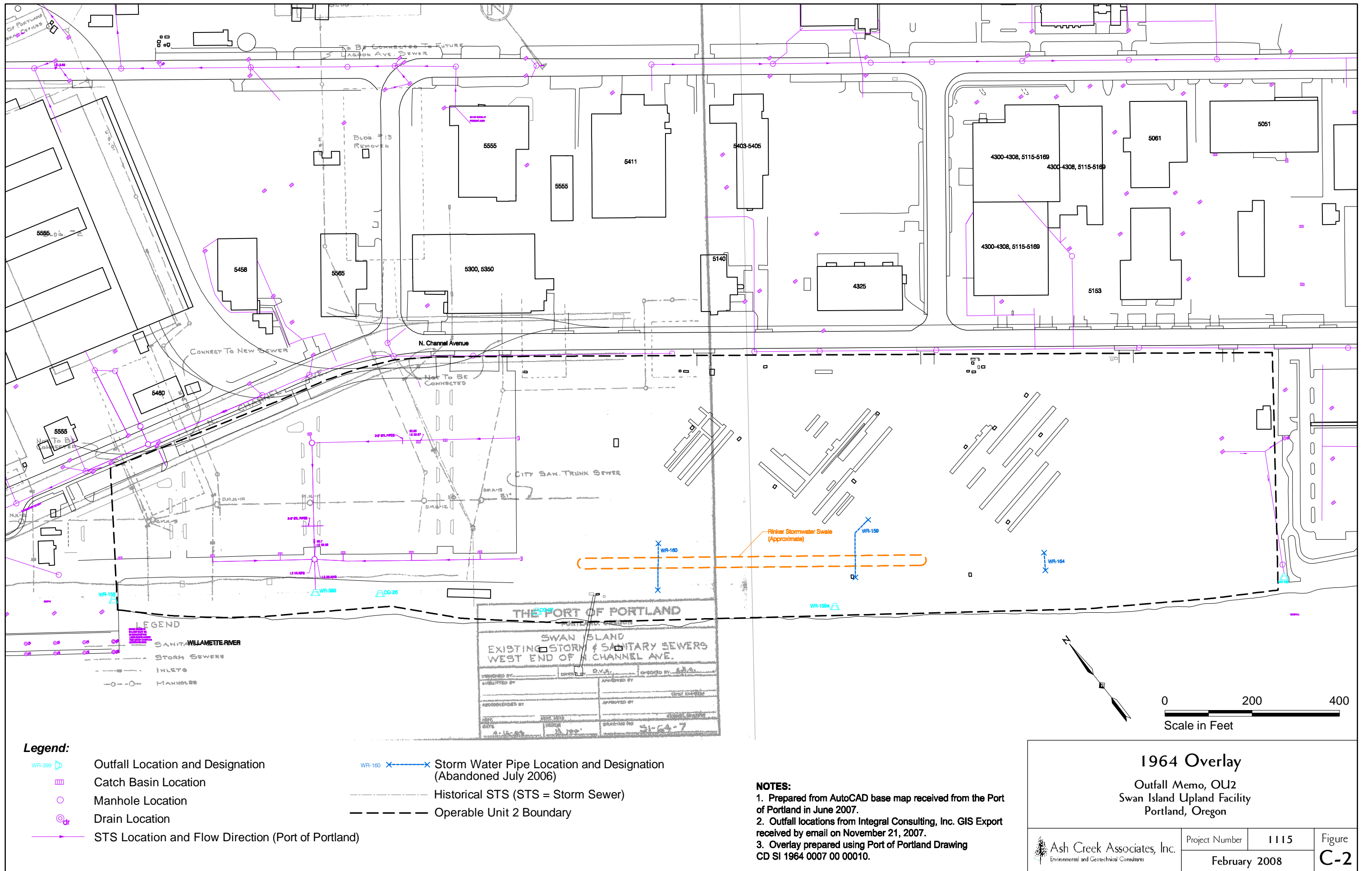
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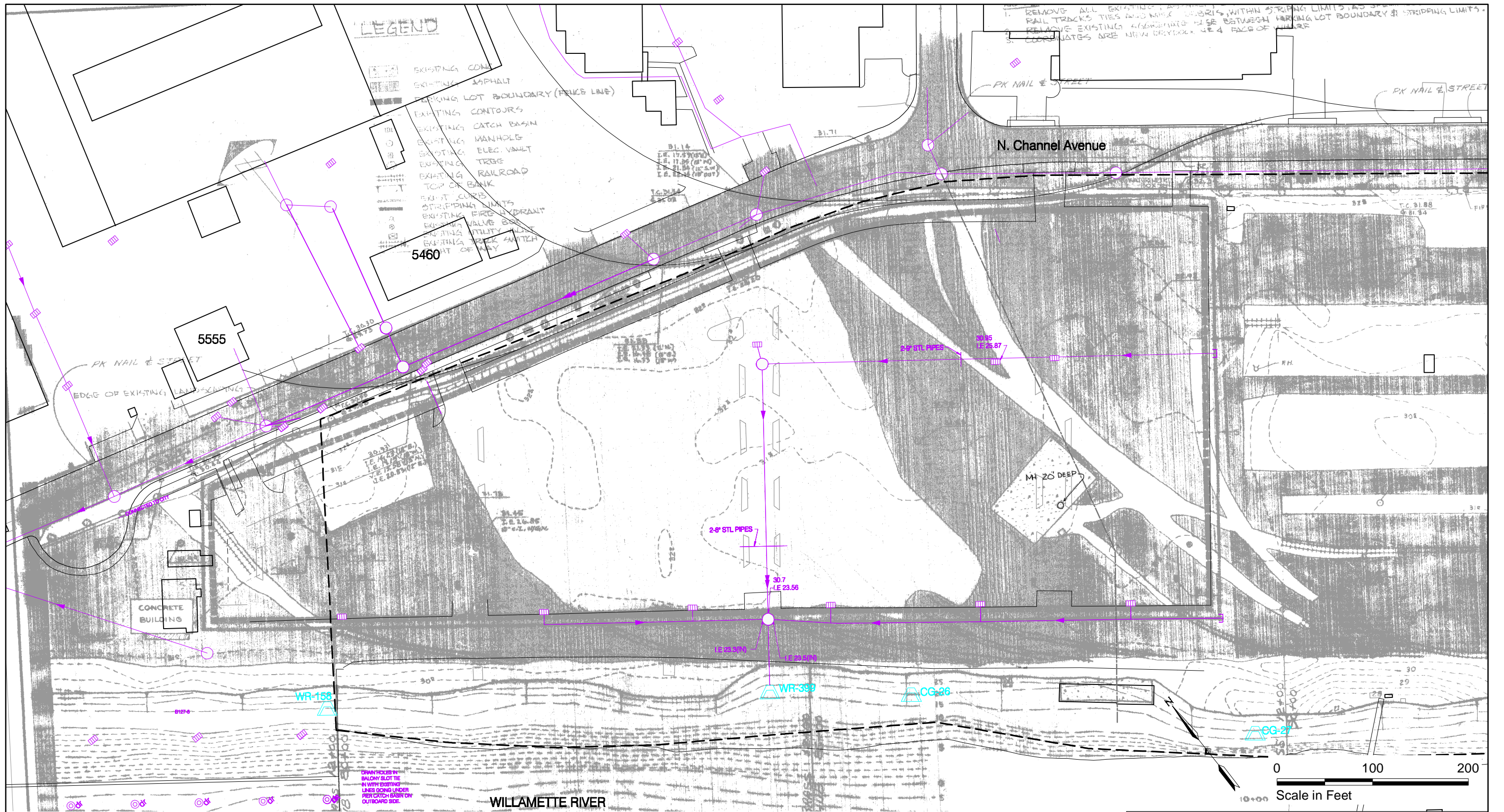
Client: Port of Portland
Location: Portland, Oregon

Photo No: 5	
Photo Date: October 3, 2007	
Orientation: Northeast	
Description: Outfall WR-159. No flow. See Figure 3 for photograph orientation.	

Attachment C

Historical Overlays





Legend:

- | | | | |
|--------|--|--------|---|
| WR-399 | Outfall Location and Designation | WR-160 | Storm Water Pipe Location and Designation (Abandoned July 2006) |
| | Catch Basin Location | | Historical STS (STS = Storm Sewer) |
| | Manhole Location | | Operable Unit 2 Boundary |
| | Drain Location | | |
| | STS Location and Flow Direction (Port of Portland) | | |

NOTES:

1. Prepared from AutoCAD base map received from the Port of Portland in June 2007.
2. Outfall locations from Integral Consulting, Inc. GIS Export received by email on November 21, 2007.
3. Overlay prepared using Port of Portland Drawing CD YA 1977 0011 00 0002 0.

1977 Overlay

Outfall Memo, OU2
Swan Island Upland Facility
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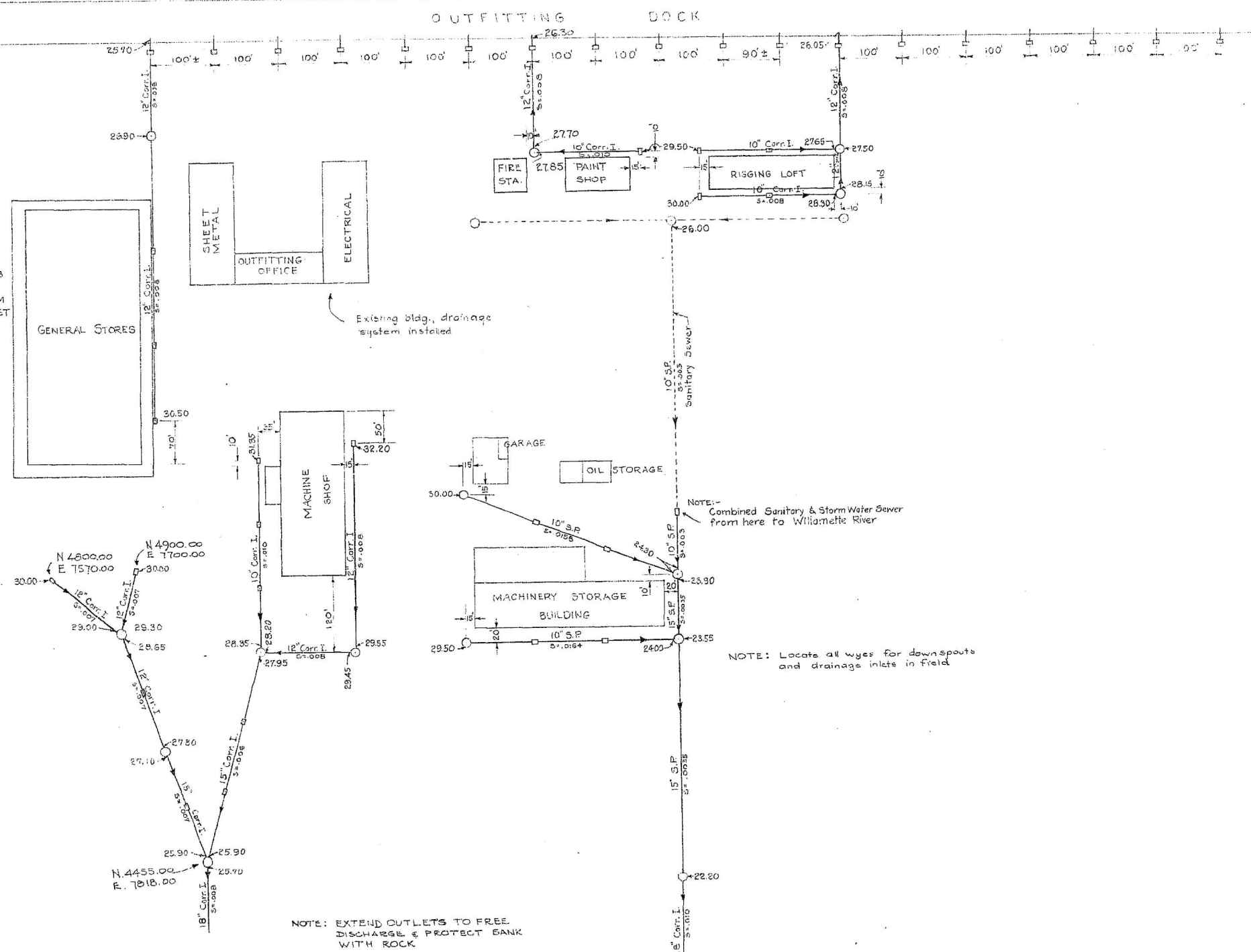
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Figure
C-3

Notes: 10" Corrugated Iron Pipe from individual Inlets. Extend all Storm Sewers under dock to free discharge and protect bank with Rock.

NOTE: SEE DWG. 99-G-38 FOR DETAILS OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM GENL STORES WEST



LEGEND

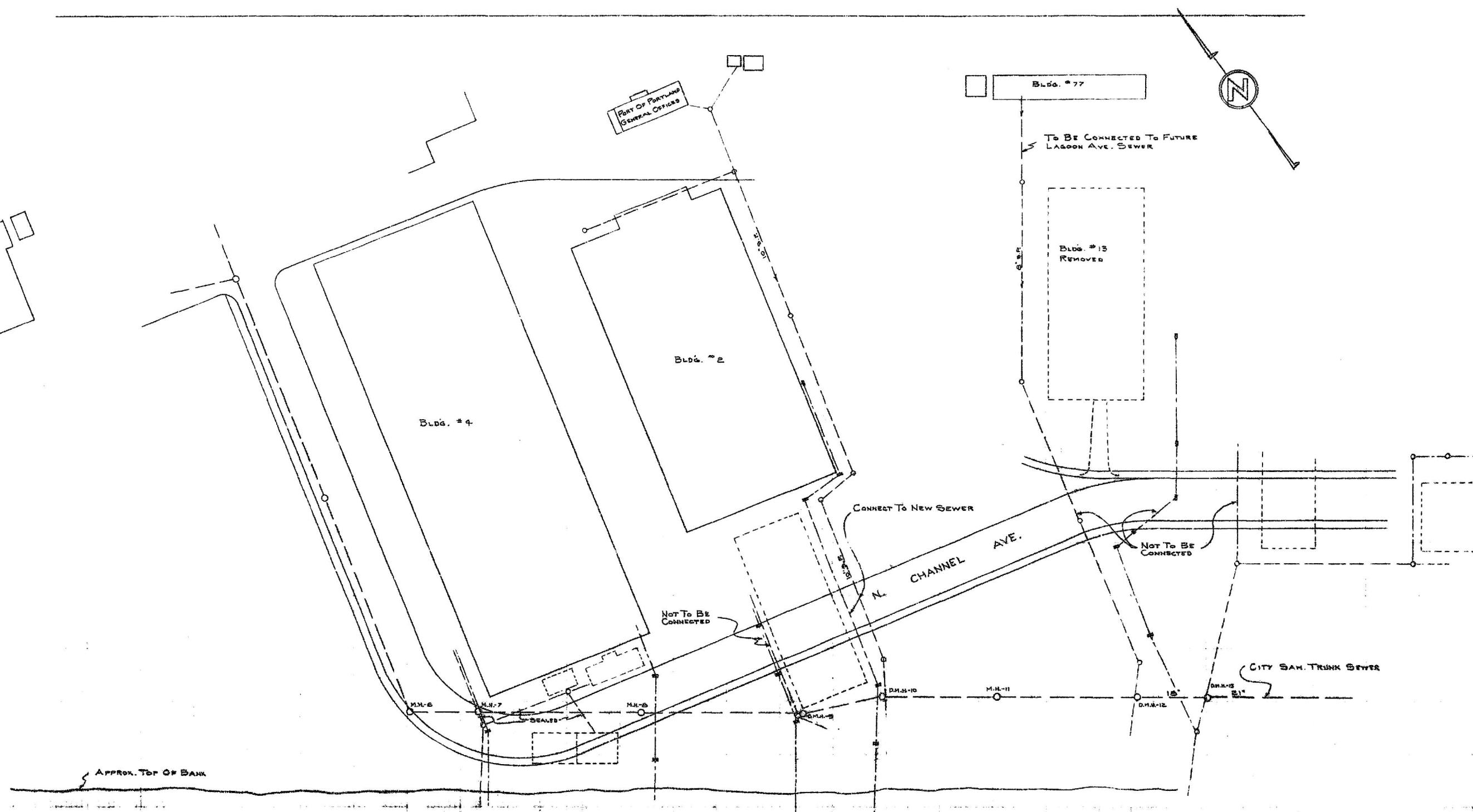
- Manhole
- Inlet
- Wye
- 25.15 Invert Elevation

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS
SPALDING BLDG. PORTLAND, ORE.

REVISIONS				KAISER COMPANY, INC.	
NO.	DATE	BY	CHK	PORTLAND YARD	PORTLAND, OREGON
				SWAN ISLAND SHIPYARD DOCK, RIGGING LOFT & MACHINE SHOP STORM SEWER SYSTEM	
				DATE 6-8-42	SUBMITTED 6-8-42
				SCALE 1" = 100'	APPROVED [Signature]
				DRAWN BY C.E.G.	
				CHECKED BY [Signature]	99-6-112



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LEGEND

- SANITARY SEWERS
- - - STORM SEWERS
- - - INLETS
- - ○ MANHOLES

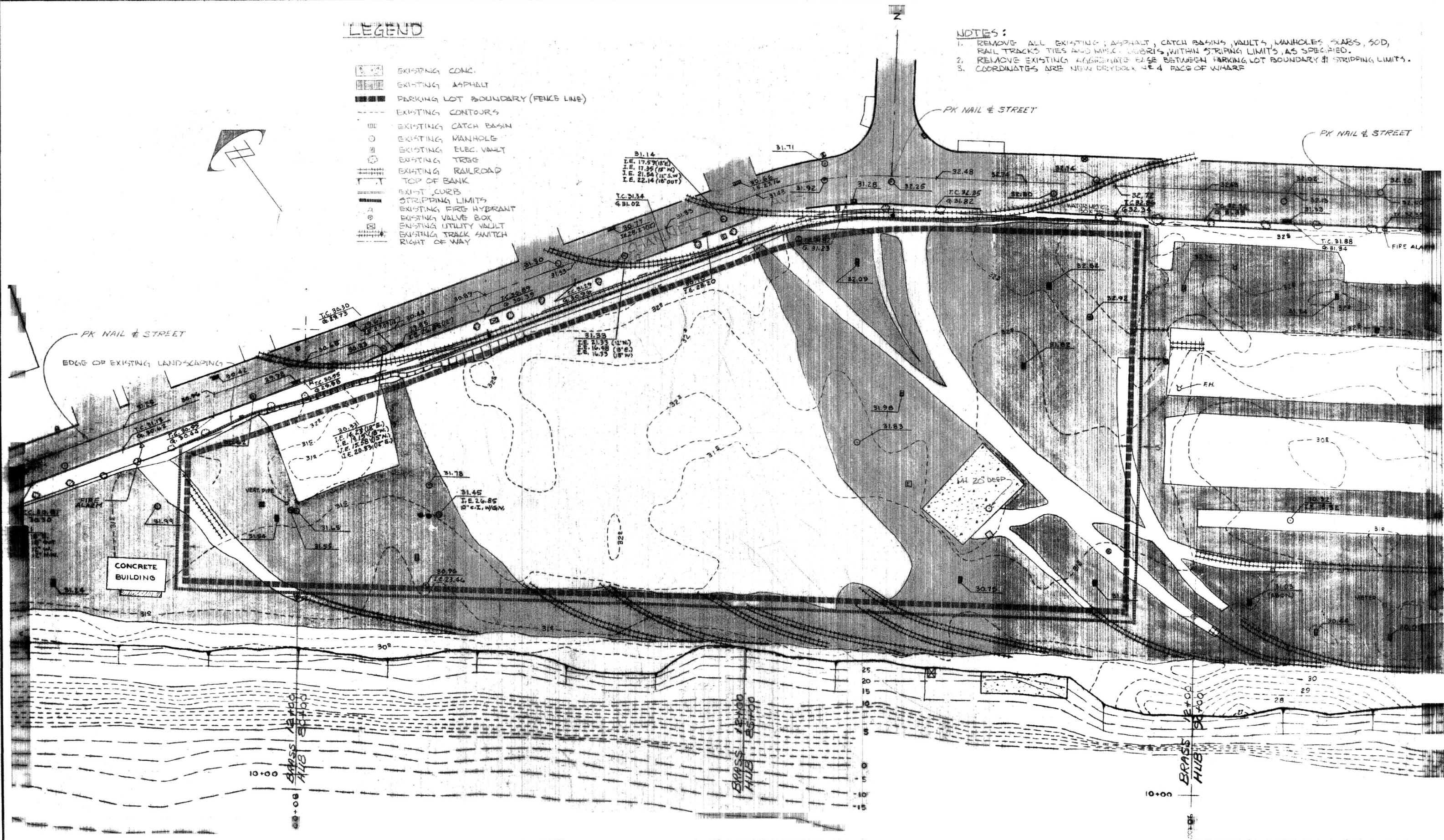
THE PORT OF PORTLAND PORTLAND, OREGON			
SWAN ISLAND EXISTING STORM & SANITARY SEWERS WEST END OF N. CHANNEL AVE.			
DESIGNED BY	DRAWN BY	CHECKED BY	APPROVED BY
SUBMITTED BY			
RECOMMENDED BY			
DATE	SCALE	SHEET NO.	
4-16-64	1" = 100'	51-64-7	

LEGEND

- EXISTING CONC.
- EXISTING ASPHALT
- PARKING LOT BOUNDARY (FENCE LINE)
- EXISTING CONTOURS
- EXISTING CATCH BASIN
- EXISTING MANHOLE
- EXISTING ELEC. VAULT
- EXISTING TREE
- EXISTING RAILROAD
- TOP OF BANK
- EXIST. CURB
- STRIPPING LIMITS
- EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT
- EXISTING VALVE BOX
- EXISTING UTILITY VAULT
- EXISTING TRACK SWITCH
- RIGHT OF WAY

NOTES:

1. REMOVE ALL EXISTING ASPHALT, CATCH BASINS, VAULTS, MANHOLES, SCARS, SOD, RAIL TRACKS TIES AND MISCELLANEOUS DEBRIS WITHIN STRIPPING LIMITS, AS SPECIFIED.
2. REMOVE EXISTING ALGROBATE EDGE BETWEEN PARKING LOT BOUNDARY & STRIPPING LIMITS.
3. COORDINATES ARE NEW DRYDOCK #4 FACE OF WHARF



NO	DATE	BY	REVISIONS	CK'D	APP'D	NO	DATE	BY	REVISIONS	CK'D	APP'D



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PORTLAND, OREGON



DESIGNED BY K. ASBURY
DRAWN BY M. CARPENTER
CHECKED BY K. ASBURY
DATE FEB. 1977
SCALE 1"=50'

SWAN ISLAND SHIP REPAIR YARD EXPANSION
PARKING LOT
EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY
SUBMITTED BY Kenneth R. Asbury
DRAWING NO. YA 77-11 2/11